

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/638,394	FUENFGELD ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/987,450.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>4/11/00</u> 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Derek Richmond (45,771) on 04/19/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 1, line 1, after "1.", --(Original)—has been inserted.

In claim 2, line 1, after "2.", --(Original)—has been inserted.

In claim 3, line 1, after "3.", --(Original)—has been inserted.

In claim 4, line 1, after "4.", --(Original)—has been inserted.

In claim 5, line 1, after "5.", --(Original)—has been inserted.

In claim 6, line 1, after "6.", --(Original)—has been inserted.

In claim 7, line 1, after "7.", --(Original)—has been inserted.

In claim 8, line 1, after "8.", --(Original)—has been inserted.

In claim 9, line 1, after "9.", --(Original)—has been inserted.

Information Disclosure Statement

The IDS filed 10/27/2003 and 12/18/2003 have been considered and recorded in the file.

Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 1-9 are allowed.

Regarding claim 1, Burger et al. (US 5,569,321) teaches a transmitter 16, an acquisition antenna 14, and a receiver 20 for evaluating the echo signal, which is a signal transmitted by the transmitter 16. The echo signal is used to measure the level of a container (see figures. 1-2). In the same field of Burger, Perdue et al. (US 6,078,280) teaches canceling of reflection or echo signals due to impedance change at a mounting (col. 18, lines 1-52). However, Burger et al. either alone or in combination with Perdue et al. fails to teach or suggest: an antenna simulation, which is connected via one or more couplers to the transmitter and the receiver, which, upon receiving the signal, provides a correction signal proportional to the unwanted echo signal, and the one or more couplers heterodyne the correction signal and the echo signal whereby the correction signal and the unwanted echo signal cancel out each other.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEE NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-7854. The examiner can normally be reached on FIRST FRIDAY OFF.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ANDERSON D. MATTHEW can be reached on 571-272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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